

SENATE BILL 824  
By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56,  
Chapter 7, Part 23, relative to immunizations.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 56, Chapter 7, Part 23, is amended by  
adding the following language as a new section:

56-7-2365.

(a)

(1) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date of this act, no immunizations administered to any person, including pregnant women, in Tennessee may contain mercury, trace amounts of mercury or preservatives containing mercury, including but not limited to Thimerosal.

(2) The immunizations not containing mercury, trace amounts of mercury or preservatives containing mercury, including but not limited to Thimerosal, administered in Tennessee include, but are not limited to, immunizations recommended in the childhood immunization schedule, and the influenza vaccine.

(b) Within one hundred eighty (180) days after the effective date of this act, any insurer doing business in Tennessee that provides coverage for immunizations on a fee schedule or on a percentage reimbursement basis shall not reimburse for immunizations containing mercury, trace amounts of mercury or preservatives containing mercury, including but not limited to Thimerosal, and shall reimburse for immunizations not containing mercury, trace amounts of

mercury or preservatives containing mercury, including but not limited to Thimerosal, at the same percentage rate of the usual and customary charges which were provided for immunizations prior to the effective date of this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.